PPP model for creation of sports infrastructure

2719. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state whether his Ministry has any plans to create a private-public partnership model for creation of sports infrastructure like stadia etc.?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): There are two existing schemes that focus oh the Private-Public Partnership mode for the development of sports infrastructure in the country *viz.,* the National Sports Development Fund Scheme and the State Sports Academy Scheme. Under the National Sports Development Fund Scheme, there is a provision to accept contributions from different entities, including corporates. On receipt of such contributions, the Government also contributes on a matching basis for augmenting the corpus. However, there has been negligible contribution by the corporate sector to NSDF. The objects of the fund include creation of sports infrastructure. The State Sports Academy Scheme involves a financing pattern in the ratio of 51:25:24 between the Private sponsor, the Central Government and the State Government. The Central Government contribution is restricted to 25% of the capital cost subject to a ceiling of Rs. 218 lakhs; and 25% of the recurring Gosts subject to a maximum of Rs. 17 lakhs per annum for a period of 3 years. The cost of the land is not included in the scheme and is required to be provided gratis by the State Government or the sponsor. So, far, Ministry has not received any proposal for State Sports Academy with private sector/corporate sector participation.

Collaboration with State Governments to tap promising players

2720. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the poor performance of the Indian Hockey team in international matches, there is any proposal under the consideration of the Central Government in collaboration with the State Government to tap promising players in this field at the junior and secondary school levels and;

(b)' if so,' the details in this regard, indicating the funds to be spent on this venture over a period of next three years, year-wise, alongwith the States share therein?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Sports Federation concerned is responsible for the promotion and development of the sports discipline(s) coming within its jurisdiction. Accordingly, in the instant case, the Indian Hockey Federation is responsible for the promotion and development of hockey in the country. With regard to Government assistance for identification and nurturing of talent, this is done through different schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Under the Sports Scholarship Scheme, the Ministry gives scholarships to promising sportspersons who have excelled at National State and University levels. The scheme is implemented through SAI and the selected sportspersons have access to SAI training facilities. Similarly, the SAI under its scheme entitled 'National Sports Talent contest' scheme, adopt schools for prqmoting specific sports disciplines, which includes hockey. SAI also promotes hockey under is schemes entitled 'Special Area Games'. Moreover, Government gives grants-in-aid to National Sports Federations for overall development of the sports disciplines, which includes holding of competitions, training, participation in international tournaments and procurement of sports equipments.

Shortage of sports infrastructure

†2721. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of Indian sports is poorer than rest of the world;

(b) whether it is a fact that the country has.acute shortage of sports-infrastructure and training facilities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. There are many countries, but not all, which are ahead of India in Sports.

(b) and (c) 'Sports' being a State subject in the constitution, the primary responsibility for the-promotion of sports including the creation of sports infrastructure and training facilities, lies with State Governments. In the

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